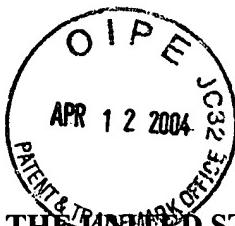


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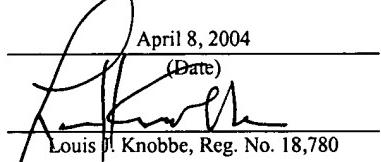
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed March 9, 2004. The Examiner has required restriction to one of two inventions:

Group I (Claims 1-10), drawn to a method of sourcing services, classified in Class 705, subclass 26;

Group II (Claim 11), drawn to a computer system, classified in Class 709, subclass 2.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the invention of Group I and prosecute the claims directed to Group I, classified in Class 705, Subclass 26, in the present application. Please cancel Group II (Claim 11). Applicant reserves the right to pursue claims directed to the invention of Group II including Claim 11 in one or more continuing applications. Accordingly, prompt examination on the merits of Claims 1-10 is respectfully requested.

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If the Examining Attorney has any questions, Applicant respectfully requests that he contact the undersigned at the number listed below.



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